

Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Town Hall Rose Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Chris Aniskovich, Carol Walter, Dennis Donovan, Tom Hollinger, Chris Passante, Hank Teskey and Carrie Allen

Also participated: Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

Chairman C. Aniskovich called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting can be viewed in its entirety online at <http://reflect-vsctv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/3?channel=1>

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET CUTS

K. Kilduff presented the council with budget cuts to the town's capital budget.

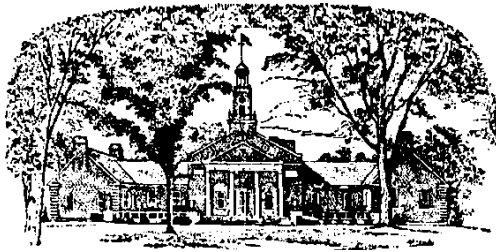
- \$85,000 Park & Recreation Turf Replacement
- \$100,000 Public Works Paving
- \$160,000 Public Works Roll off Truck
- \$50,000 Police Radio Project

The budget cuts totaled \$395,000. \$260,000 was funded by taxation and \$135,000 from fund balance. D. Donovan recommended applying an additional \$630,000 from fund balance. The additional projects that would be funded from fund balance would be Fire Apparatus Reserve \$159,000, FD Personal Protective Gear \$41,000, Public Works Paving \$400,000, Assessor Reval \$125,000, Plan of Conservation and Development \$40,000 for a total of \$765,000.

K. Kilduff recommended the following budget reductions to the town's operating budget.

- \$5,000 Planning & Zoning Other Professional Services
- \$1,000 WPCC Professional Services
- \$3,340 Public Works Landfill
- \$4,000 Public Works Sand & Salt
- \$3,120 EDC Part-Time Salaries
- \$50,000 Contingency
- \$7,500 General Government Other Bank Fees
- \$15,000 General Government Other Town Counsel
- \$746 General Government Other Beautification

The total reductions are \$89,706. The town needs an additional funding of \$63,000 for MERS. The council agreed with all the budget cuts except for the reduction of \$5,000 to Planning & Zoning for other professional services.



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RATIFY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the recommendation by the Town Manager to reduce WPCC Professional Services by \$1,000, Public Works Landfill by \$3,340, Public Works Sand & Salt by \$4,000, EDC Part Time Salary by \$3,120, Contingency by \$50,000, General Government Other Bank Fees by \$7,500, Town Counsel by \$15,000 and Beautification by \$746 totaling \$84,706 and increasing State Pension (MERS) by \$63,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by C. Allen to approve the recommendation by the Town Manager to reduce Park & Rec Turf Replacement by \$85,000, Public Works Paving by \$100,000, Public Works Roll-off Truck by \$160,000 and Police Radio Project by \$50,000 totaling \$395,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by C. Walter to approve the recommendation by the Town Manager to fund from undesignated fund balance \$159,000 for the Fire Apparatus Reserve, \$41,000 for FD Personal Protective Gear, \$400,000 for Public Works Paving, \$125,000 for Assessor Reval, \$40,000 for the Plan of Conservation and Development \$40,000 for a total of \$765,000 in capital projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOMMEND TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AND SEND TO PUBLIC HEARING

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton hereby recommends a Town Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$23,438,078 to send to public hearing to be held on April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board of Education Budget Discussion

The council discussed reducing the operating budget increase. T. Hollinger recommended a reducing the operation budget by \$350,000. T. Hollinger made a motion, seconded by D. Donovan to reduce the Board of Education's operating budget by \$350,000. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Donovan, Hollinger, Walter and Teskey) and 2 opposed (Allen and Passante).

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton hereby recommends an Education Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$38,572,877 to send to public hearing to be held on April 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor (Donovan, Hollinger, Walter and Teskey) and 2 opposed (Allen and Passante).

ADJOURN

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger and unanimously adjourned the meeting 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager